

Application no. 09/006,777
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Reply to Office Action of June 20, 2003

REMARKS

In the office action mailed June 20, 2003, claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-22, and 33-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent no. 5,444,706 to Osaki in view of US patent no. 5,754,529 to Heiss. Claims 23-32 were allowed.

Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-22, and 33-54, while reserving the right to pursue the invention of these several embodiments in a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53.

Should there be any fees for this action, your office is authorized to draw from the firm deposit account number 02-3979. Should any question remain in view of this communication, I would appreciate a telephone call so that this matter may be resolved promptly.

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